

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:110
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2000
PRODUCTION OF CASHEWNUT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of cashewnut is far below the necessity to provide proper employment to cashew workers in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have noticed huge amount of foreign currency is spent for import of cashewnut; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to improve the production of cashewnut, the amount spent in the last two years and the physical achievement made, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b): Since the production level of cashewnut in the country is below the requirement of the processing sector, raw cashewnut is being imported. During the year 1999-2000 an expenditure to the tune of Rs.1054.00 crores was incurred for importing about 2.26 lakh metric tonnes of raw cashewnut.

(c) The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development Programme of Cashew in India since the Eighth Plan under which various activities such as establishment of regional nurseries, area expansion, rejuvenation of old cashew plantations, training of farmers, organising demonstrations and publicity measures were taken up. The outlay for the Scheme during the Ninth Plan is Rs.70.00 crores. The State-wise details of funds released are given in Annexure-I. The achievement in cashew production is given in the Statement at Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

RELEASE UNDER CASHEW SCHEME DURING IX PLAN (Rs. in lakh)

S. No. STATE RELEASES MADE
1998-99 1999-2000

1. ANDHRA PRADESH 83.61 133.29

2. GOA 170.52 123.78

3. KARNATAKA 113.84 121.70

4. KERALA 89.30 84.98

5. MADHYA PRADESH 48.90 7.00

6. MAHARASHTRA 690.20 541.36

7. MANIPUR 19.75 0.00

8. MAGHALAYA 14.30 6.28

9. NAGALAND 9.00 4.30

10. ORISSA 109.02 352.56

11. TAMILNADU 183.90 89.26

12. TRIPURA 14.30 4.00

13. WESTBENGAL 0.00 2.00

14. A & N ISLANDS 0.00 0.00

15. PONDICHERRY 14.45 0.00

16. DIRECTORATE OF

CAHEW AND COCOA 99.70 77.89

TOTAL 1660.79 1548.40

ANNEXURE-II

ACHIEVEMENT IN PRODUCTION OF CASHEWNUT (000 Toones)

S.No. STATE PRODUCTION
1998-99 1999-2000

1. ANDHRA PRADESH 80.00 100.00

2. GOA 20.00 30.00

3. KARNATAKA 40.00 60.00

4. KERALA 130.00 100.00

5. MAHARASHTRA 85.00 125.00

6. ORISSA 50.00 40.00

7 TAMILNADU 35.00 45.00

8. WEST BENGAL 8.00 8.00

9. OTHERS 12.00 12.00

TOTAL 460.00 520.00